

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Lydia Martinez, Co-Chair; Jose Casco; Reverend Mary McBride Lee; Eneida Martinez; Thomas McCarthy

OTHER: Bob Halstead, City Councilman; Iris Molina; Autumn Hurst; Bill Coleman; Atty. Mark Anastasi; Dave Blogess; Renu Gupta

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE LEE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

62-14 PROPOSED BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING SELECTION OF WAKEMAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB RFI RESPONSE PROPOSAL TO OPERATE THE FORMER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LOCATED AT 595 MADISON AVENUE.

Mr. Coleman requested that the council members allow them to amend the item by substitution of a broader resolution that would provide more details of the proposal.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND ITEM 62-14 BY SUBSTITUTION (62-14-15-16A)**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Coleman provided an overview of the intended project. There was discussion amidst the committee regarding use, budget, collaboration with other organizations, opportunities for employment within the city, and staff diversity.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 62-14-15-16A AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

87-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION FOR URBAN GREEN & COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM (#15352).

Ms. Gupta provided an overview of the desired grant requesting state funding for community garden initiatives in the city of Bridgeport. Two members of Green Village Initiative were also present and elaborated further. There was discussion as to the nature of the program, the selection of the gardens to be revitalized, and the specifics of project management.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 87-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION FOR URBAN GREEN & COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM (#15352).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE LEE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH 3 VOTES IN FAVOR (MCBRIDE LEE; MCCARTHY; E. MARTINEZ) AND 1 IN OPPOSITION (CASCO).**

91-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUS TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (#16230).

Ms. Hurst provided an overview of the grant submission, and stated that, should the funding be obtained, it would go towards the purchase of a new bus for Homes for the Brave. Ms. Molina stated their intention to donate the current bus to the East Side Senior Center.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 91-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUS TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (#16230).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE LEE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

92-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) FOR A TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM.

Ms. Molina provided an overview of the grant submission, and stated that, should the funding be obtained, it would be used to hire a case manager for members of the elderly hispanic community.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER E. MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 92-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) FOR A TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE LEE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting ended at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos
Telesco Secretarial Services